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SUBJ: FRG ATTENDANCE AT LESOTHO AID DONORS CONFERENCE

1. LESOTHO HAS CALLED CONFERENCE OF ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL AID DONORS MASERU APRIL 14 TO 18. PURPOSE IS TO REVIEW OVERALL SITUATION, STRATEGY, SECTOR PLANS, AND ANTICIPATED FUNDING FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS. MOST INVITEES, INCLUDING U.S., HAVE AGREED ATTEND WITH EXCEPTION FRG.

2. FRG AMBASSADOR, COUNT YORK, WHO ACCRSDITED TO LESOTHO BUT RESIDENT IN MALAWI, ADVISES US HE DEPARTING BEFORE CONFERENCE AND REPLACEMENT WILL NOT BE ON BOARD UNTIL AFTER CONFERENCE. COUNT YORK WOULD HAVE ATTENDED HAD HE BEEN HERE, BUT SAID HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANYONE ELSE TO ATTEND SINCE HIS NEAREST WEST GERMAN AID REPRESENTATIVE IS IN NAIROBI AND WILL BE ATTENDING CONFERENCE THERE IN MID-APRIL.

3. BECAUSE OF U.S. POLICY OF ENCOURAGING OTHER DONORS TO ASSIST IN LESOTHO'S DEVELOPMENT, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF FRG COULD ARRANGE TO BE REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE. IF DEPARTMENT SEES NO OBJECTIONS, REQUEST

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EMBASSY BONN APPROACH FRG TO EXPRESS U.S. INTEREST IN HAVING

GERMANS REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
BELIEVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY KLAMSER IN AID MINISTRY
WOULD BE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO FRG PARTICIPATION.
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